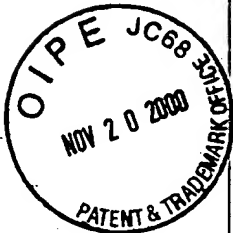


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Prior Application: Art Unit: 2785

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SIR: This is a request for filing a

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X Continuation or ☐ Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior nonprovisional application Serial No. 09/023,074 filed February 13, 1998 of:

Inventor

Title of Invention

1. Vladimir Matena  
**Match & Return** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
RELIABLE DISK FENCING IN A  
MULTICOMPUTER SYSTEM

1. X Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/023,074 as originally filed on February 13, 1998.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. §1.125.
3. ☐ Cancel Claims\_\_\_\_\_.
4. X A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. X The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

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Basic Application Filing Fee				\$710	\$ 710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims	
Total Claims		-	20		x \$18
Independent Claims		-	3		x \$78
[ ] Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)				+\$260	
				Subtotal	\$ 710.00
				Reduction by 1/2 if small entity	-
				TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE	\$ 710.00

6. X A check in the amount of \$ 710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
7. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
8. X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:

--This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/023,074, filed February 13, 1998, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/552,316, filed November 2, 1995, incorporated herein by reference.--

9. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
10. X The prior application is assigned of record to: Sun Microsystems, Inc.
11. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C.  
§ 119. A certified copy

12. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status
- ☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
13. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E. Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland, Reg. No. 27,605; Basil J. Lewris, Reg. No. 28,818; Martin I. Fuchs, Reg. No. 28,508; E. Robert Yoches, Reg. No. 30,120; Barry W. Graham, Reg. No. 29,924; Susan Haberman Griffen, Reg. No. 30,907; Richard B. Racine, Reg. No. 30,415; Thomas H. Jenkins, Reg. No. 30,857; Robert E. Converse, Jr., Reg. No. 27,432; Clair X. Mullen, Jr., Reg. No. 20,348; Christopher P. Foley, Reg. No. 31,354; John C. Paul, Reg. No. 30,413; David M. Kelly, Reg. No. 30,953; Kenneth J. Meyers, Reg. No. 25,146; Carol P. Einaudi, Reg. No. 32,220; Walter Y. Boyd, Jr., Reg. No. 31,738; Steven M. Anzalone, Reg. No. 32,095; Jean B. Fordis, Reg. No. 32,984; Roger D. Taylor, Reg. 28,992; Barbara C. McCurdy, Reg. No. 32,120; James K. Hammond, Reg. No. 31,964; Richard V. Burgujian, Reg. No. 31,744; J. Michael Jakes, Reg. No. 32,824; Thomas W. Banks, Reg. No. 32,719; Christopher P. Isaac, Reg. No. 32,616; Bryan C. Diner, Reg. No. 32,409; M. Paul Barker, Reg. No. 32,013; Andrew Chanho Sonu, Reg. No. 33,457; David S. Forman, Reg. No. 33,694; Vincent P. Kovalick, Reg. No. 32,867; James W. Edmondson, Reg. No. 33,871; Michael R. McGurk, Reg. No. 32,045; Joann M. Neth, Reg. No. 36,363; Gerson S. Panitch, Reg. No. 33,751; Cheri M.

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14. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
15. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
16. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315.
17. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. 08/552,316, filed November 2, 1995, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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By: 

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